

**Notice of Allowability**

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the papers received on Aug. 9, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4,5,7,8,10,11,13-26,28,30-32 and 36-42.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                     |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed Aug. 9, 2007, has been entered. Claims 1-3, 6, 9, 12, 27, 29, and 33-35 have been cancelled. Claims 40-42 have been newly added are drawn to the elected invention. Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 28, 30-32, and 36-42 are pending, and are examined in the present office action.

2. The rejection of claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-26, 28, 30-32, and 36-39 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for lack of enablement is withdrawn in light of the Applicant's arguments which were found to be persuasive. The Applicant argued that one of ordinary skill in the art has a high level of skill and knowledge (see last paragraph on page 14 of the response received on Aug. 9, 2007). The Applicant argued that there is not a high level of unpredictability in cotton transformation because of the history of cotton transformation (see last full paragraph on page 13 of the response). The Applicant also argued persuasively that plant transformation is a versatile platform (see last full paragraph on page 13 of the response). The arguments on pages 10-13 support the position that it would not require undue experimentation to practice the method of the instant invention.

3. Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 28, 30-32, and 36-42 are allowed. The claims are free of the prior art because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the use

of multi-effect triazole in preparing root explants from fibrous roots of cotton seedlings as a method step in a method for transforming cotton.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cathy K. Worley whose telephone number is (571) 272-8784. The examiner has a variable schedule but can normally be reached on M-F 10:00 - 4:00 with variable hours before 10:00 and after 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg, can be reached on (571) 272-0975. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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